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**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Joint Environment and Natural Resources and Land Use Committee
Minutes
Thursday, April 14, 2016**

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Environment and Natural Resource Committee

Members Present: Lynn Boerman – IDNR, Jack Darin – Illinois Sierra Club, Martha Dooley – Village of Schaumburg, Jackie Forbes – Kane County Division of Transportation, Danielle Gallet – Metropolitan Planning Council, Joe Schuessler – MWRD, Vincent Waller (for Deb Stone) – Cook County Department of Environmental Control, Sean Wiedel – Chicago Department of Transportation, Mike Warner – Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, Moira Zellner – University of Illinois-Chicago

Members Absent: Ed Collins – McHenry County Conservation District, Jon Grosshans – U.S. EPA, Pete Harmet – IDOT, Suzanne Malec-McKenna – Chicago Wilderness, Stacy Meyers – Openlands, Wallace Van Buren – IAWA

Land Use Committee

Members Present: Ed Paesel (Chair), Mark VanKerkhoff (Vice-Chair), Judy Beck, Thomas Chefalo (for Eric Waggoner), Kristi DeLaurentiis, Paul Lauricella, Mark Muenzer, Heather Tabbert, Nancy Williamson, James Wilson (for Susan Campbell).

Members Absent: Lisa DiChiera, Michael Kowski, Robert McKenna, Curt Paddock, Arnold Randall, Paul Rickelman, Dennis Sandquist, Todd Vanadilok, Nathaniel Werner, Adrienne Wuellner, Ruth Wuorenma.

Staff Present: Nora Beck (staff liaison for ENR), Stephen Ostrander (staff liaison for LU), Jonathan Burch, Brian Daly, Kate Evasic, Kristin Ihnchak, Elizabeth Irvin, Tom Kotarac, Kara Komp, Jacki Murdock, Jason Navota, Samyukth Shenbaga, Joe Szabo, Andres Torres, Rita Yamin, Louise Yeung.

Others Present: Allison Buchwach (Metra), John Donovan (FHWA), Edith Makra (Metropolitan Mayors Caucus), Steve Simmons (Sierra Club).

1.0 Call to Order

Ed Paesel called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

ENR committee membership. Patty Werner, one of the longest serving ENR committee members is stepping down from the committee. Mike Warner, also from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, will now be joining to continue this representation. In addition, Danielle Gallet from the Metropolitan Planning Council will be joining the committee.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

ENR Committee Minutes, March 3, 2016

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 3 meeting was made by Vincent Waller, seconded by Lynn Boerman, and with all in favor, carried.

Land Use Committee Minutes, March 16, 2016

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 16 meeting was made by Nancy Williamson, seconded by Paul Lauricella, and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 ON TO 2050: Climate Resilience Initial Policy Directions— Louise Yeung, CMAP staff

The region is experiencing greater levels of flooding, heat, and drought. To reduce the impacts of these issues, CMAP is exploring strategies to build resilience to climate change. Building off of nine months of policy development, CMAP staff will present draft strategies for climate resilience. Using a [powerpoint presentation](#), Yeung provided an overview of the guiding principles, draft strategies, and how they relate to each other.

Committee members had a number of suggested resources and approaches:

- Inclusion of public health impacts. Part of the analysis has looked at human impacts. CMAP is planning work in this area as part of ON TO 2050, which presents an opportunity to connect on this issue.
- Co-benefits of park space. Programs in Michigan and Ohio, called Parknerships are looking for ways to derive multiple benefits from existing open space and could be a mechanism for climate resilience.
- Land donation ordinance. State of Illinois allows communities to work with developers to donate space for parks, schools, etc. This ordinance could be updated to include stormwater management.
- Collaboration with the Red Cross and the Cook County Department of Homeland Security, which has developed the Hazard Mitigation Plans. Red Cross has participated in the Climate Resilience Resource Group. Climate resilience is a big topic for them and CMAP is looking for ways to collaborate.
- Alliance for the Great Lakes work with municipalities along the lakeshore. Their research and planning process could be a good model for engagement.
- Vermont's Institute for Sustainable Communities hosts workshops nationwide focused on finding resilient strategies within a municipality. Could be a good model for the CMAP region.

- Inclusion of Water Supply issues. Parts of the region are anticipated to face water supply issues within the next 20 years and is one of the pressing issues that could be impacted by climate change.

5.0 ON TO 2050: Inclusive Growth Approach – Jacki Murdock, CMAP staff

CMAP is exploring new topic areas for the next comprehensive regional plan, one of which is inclusive growth. Using a [powerpoint presentation](#), Murdock reviewed the evidence on the economic benefits of inclusion, preview peer agency work on this topic, and present the vision and approach to the topic, as summarized in [this memo](#). Murdock also provided a summary of how equity was addressed in the GO TO 2040 plan and subsequent implementation.

Committee members had a number of suggested resources and approaches:

- The phrasing for the first three of four principles (detailing what “inclusion” means in CMAP’s analysis) seem to incorporate a focus on people; the fourth principle (“foster sustained economic growth”) would benefit from a tweak that more directly incorporated people in the phrasing.
- Importance of shedding light on this issue to help inform the agency and other partner’s approaches.
- US EPA’s EJ Screen, an online mapping tool focused on environmental justice, could be useful as CMAP works to understand the geography.
- MPC and the Urban Institute’s [Costs of Segregation](#) study. Partners, who are involved with the Inclusive Growth Resource Group, are also investigating this issue.
- Caution about relationship between inequality and economic growth. The correlation between greater income equality and more sustained economic growth is likely complex (might be that sustained economic growth could lead to greater income equality, or that there’s a feedback loop) and requires some further investigation. The Urban Institute will be taking a closer look at the numbers from 100 metropolitan regions.
- Importance of covering inclusive growth in the region and support for CMAP’s work on this.

6.0 ON TO 2050: Lands in Transition Preliminary Findings – Nora Beck, CMAP staff

GO TO 2040 focuses on encouraging compact and infill development; while also containing several strategies for those areas of the region that are currently in agricultural use and/or contain natural resources. CMAP staff will provide an update on the project, including preliminary data on protection and development of agricultural and natural lands in the region. Using a [powerpoint presentation](#), Beck highlighted the overall protection gains and development that occurred on agricultural and natural lands between 2001-2011.

Committee members had a number of suggested resources and approaches:

- Important to consider effect of housing boom and recession/economic downturn. Analysis needs to acknowledge the economic conditions during this period. Next data update—available in 2018—may provide further insight on this matter.
- Need to clarify the exact definition of the term “protected land” in CMAP’s analysis. CMAP has developed its own layer of protected lands based on land ownership and

conservation easements. Need to confirm how municipal park lands are or are not included in the analysis.

- Relationship of municipal boundaries. Comparison with the municipal boundaries circa 2001, or a review of the expansion of the boundary during this time period would be helpful.
- Development outside of the municipal boundary. Question of whether CMAP is expressing a preference for development within municipal boundaries, and against development in unincorporated areas; should the distinction instead be where infrastructure/services already exists (rather than whether development occurs within/outside of municipal boundaries)? CMAP advocates infill and redevelopment for multiple reasons and was looking at the location of development in and out of the municipal boundary as a way to assess the level of expansion of service coverage.

7.0 ON TO 2050: Housing Supply and Affordability Introduction – Jonathan Burch, CMAP staff

As part of the next plan process, CMAP staff will be developing a strategy paper on housing supply and affordability. Strategy papers are ways for CMAP to develop direction on new topics or explore refinements to existing GO TO 2040 recommendations. This work will occur between February and July 2016. The final result will be an internal CMAP paper that outlines a policy direction for housing supply and affordability and define further research needs, [see scope](#). Using a [powerpoint presentation](#), Burch reviewed how GO TO 2040 covered this topic and how CMAP staff and partners have worked to implement that vision. He also reviewed how other regional agencies across the nation are addressing housing affordability and the central questions CMAP staff and the housing committee will be wrestling with in the coming months.

Committee members had a number of suggested resources and approaches:

- Representation on the Housing Committee. Members include municipal and county staff, though not directly from Councils of Government.
- Ideal role for CMAP. Committee members see value in CMAP's data and research approach and wondered if that could help others in the region, example of the work that the Cook County Land Bank Authority has done.
- Value of the Homes for a Changing Region. Similar note of how a market-based study helped communities talk about this issue in a productive manner and how CMAP should continue to do these types of projects.
- Definitions of housing types. Consistent use of definitions would help communities have more meaningful conversations. Example given was the range of senior housing types with different impacts on a community.

8.0 Other Business.

Vincent Waller (ENR Committee) requested more information about CMAP's planned energy work for ON TO 2050. Both committees will be learning about this work in the coming months and CMAP staff will provide an update at the next meeting.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10.0 Next Meeting

The ENR Committee was scheduled to next meet on Thursday, May 5, 2016, and the Land Use Committee on May 18, 2016.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Beck (ENR Committee Liaison)

Stephen Ostrander (LU Committee Liaison)

April 15, 2016